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CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (TNCS)

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1. FONOFF OFFICE DIRECTOR ISAKSEN TOLD US HE IS PERPLEXED BY REPORT HE HAS JUST RECEIVED FROM DANISH UN MISSION ON FEBRUARY 3 MEETING IN NEW YORK OF U.S., DANISH, CANADIAN, BRITISH AND GERMAN REPS ON QUESTION OF DIRECTORSHIP OF INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER ON TNCS. HE SAID THAT, AT THIS MEETING, THE U.S. APPEARED TO BE COOLING OFF FROM ITS INITIAL SUPPORT FOR THE DANISH CANDIDATE, PROF. ISI FOIGHEL. SINCE THE U.S. HAD ENCOURAGED FOIGHEL'S CANDIDACY IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, ISAKSEN SAID HE WAS PUZZLED BY WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SUDDEN SHIFT IN THE U.S. VIEW.

2. ISAKSEN SAID ONE U.S. CONCERN APPEARS TO BE THE POSSIBILITY THAT DANES WOULD BE RUNNING BOTH FOR THE UNGA PRESIDENCY (BORCH) AND FOR THE TNCS CENTER DIRECTORSHIP WHICH, ISAKSEN GATHERED, THE U.S. FELT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE LDCS. ISAKSEN SAID THE DANES FEEL THESE TWO POSITIONS ARE IN QUITE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES AND CANDIDATES FOR EACH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON THEIR OWN MERITS. HE WONDERED WHETHER THE U.S., IN RAISING THIS POINT, MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR A WAY OUT OF ENDORSING THE FOIGHEL CANDIDACY. IF SO, HE HOPED WE WOULD INFORM THEM MORE DIRECTLY.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: ISAKSEN EMPHASIZED THAT HIS WAS A "PERSONAL" RATHER THAN AN "OFFICIAL" REPRESENTATION. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY PEEVED AT WHAT APPEARED TO HIM TO BE NEGATIVE U.S. POSTURE ON FOIGHEL WHOM THE DANES WOULD NEVER HAVE OFFERED WITHOUT OUR ENCOURAGEMENT. WE NOTED TO ISAKSEN THAT WE HAD MADE CLEAR FROM THE START THAT THE U.S. INTEREST WAS TO OBTAIN ONE OR MORE ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATES TO OPPOSE THE UNAC-

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CEPTABLE CANDIDACY OF JUAN SOMAVIA. ON THE BASIS OF REF A, WE TOLD ISAKSEN THAT THE U.S. CONTINUES TO LOOK FAVORABLY AT FOIGHEL BUT WE WOULD ALL HAVE TO WEIGH HIS CHANCES WITH THE LDCS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. INFORMATION ON ANY CHANGES IN U.S. POSITION FROM THAT OUTLINED REF A.

SHOULD THE U.S. WANT TO BACK OFF FROM ENDORSE-
MENT OF FOIGHEL, WE SHOULD LET THE DANES KNOW
BEFORE THEY PUT ANY MORE OF THEIR PRESTIGE AT
STAKE IN LOBBYING FOR FOIGHEL.
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